How To Close a 4-Mile Section of an Interstate Highway

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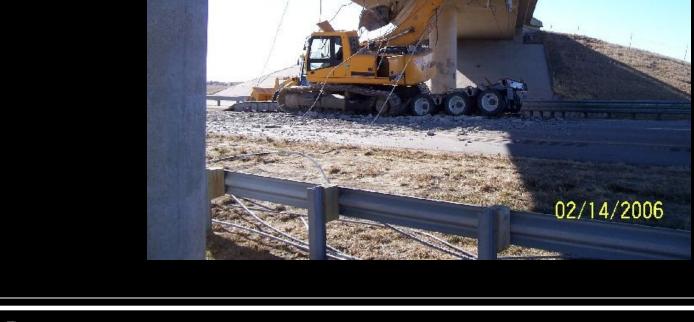
A tracked backhoe excavator being transported on a flatbed







The boom extended and ripped through the concrete deck of the bridge





The driver didn't have permits for the interstate and was supposed to be taking other roads





Best case: several weeks of repairs, hundreds of dollars





Bridges get hit "fairly often," a DoT engineer said, but that damage is usually minor.



